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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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International application No. <u>PCT/US04/33252</u>	International filing date (day/month/year) <u>07 October 2004 (07.10.2004)</u>	Priority date (day/month/year) <u>08 October 2003 (08.10.2003)</u>	
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

Box No. I Basis of the opinion
 Box No. II Priority
 Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
 Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 Box No. VI Certain documents cited
 Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
 Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

a sequence listing
 table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

in written format
 in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

contained in international application as filed.
 filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-15</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>1-15</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-15</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1-15 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a virtualization system for a host computer having at least one host processor and system resources including physical I/O hardware and memory divided into most privileged system memory and less privileged user memory, the system comprising: virtualization software that operates in said less privileged user memory and divides said host computer into a plurality of virtual partitions including at least one user guest partition that provides a virtualization environment for at least one guest operating system and at least one input/output (I/O) partition that maps said physical I/O hardware to endpoints of an I/O channel server in said at least one I/O partition, said I/O channel server sharing the physical I/O hardware with at least one guest partition via a memory channel comprising memory shared between said at least one I/O partition and said at least one guest partition; a resource database for use in managing use of said at least one host processor and said system resources; at least one monitor that operates in said most privileged system memory and maintains guest applications in said at least one guest partition within memory space specified in said resource database; and a context switch between said at least one monitor and said respective guest and I/O partitions for controlling multitask processing of software in said partitions on said at least one host processor.